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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1062

DATE PREPARED: Nov 28, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Fire Prevention and Building Safety Fees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to adopt rules to establish fees for the issuance of various permits and licenses relating to regulated lifting devices and regulated boiler and pressure vessels. The bill also repeals statutes that set the fees relating to: (1) permitting and inspection of regulated lifting devices; (2) permitting of an owner or user for inspections of regulated boilers and pressure vessels; (3) inspection of a regulated boiler or pressure vessel for the issuance of a permit; (4) manufacturers using the inspection services of the Office of the State Building Commissioner; (5) a regulated boiler and pressure vessel inspector license; and (6) an owner or user boiler and pressure vessel inspection agency license.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002; April 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: Under current law, the fees for regulation of lifting devices (elevators, dumbwaiters, moving stairways, etc.) and boiler and pressure vessels are set in statute, and the license fee for regulated boiler and pressure vessel inspectors is set by the rules board. Also currently in statute, if approved by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, local units of government are permitted to regulate lifting devices and charge a permitting fee less than that set in statute.

The bill would allow the Commission to establish fees for the regulation of lifting devices and regulated boiler and pressure vessels. The regulating function of local units of government would be unaffected, except that the fee would have to be less than that set by the Commission.

The bill would have indeterminate fiscal impact on the funds that receive revenues from regulation of lifting devices and boiler and pressure vessels. The statute requires that the Commission set fees to pay all of the costs, direct and indirect, that are payable from the fund into which the fees must be deposited. Assuming

that the fees set in statute already cover all regulatory costs, then the fiscal impact would depend on the fees set by the Commission. If the fees currently are insufficient to meet all costs, then appropriations from the state General Fund may be reduced because the Commission would be required to increase fees.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Since the fees charged by local governments would be capped by the fees set by the Commission, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

State Agencies Affected: Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Local units regulating lifting devices.

Information Sources: